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printing the optical information onto the recording carrier using optical readable toner or printing the magnetic information being printed onto the recording carrier using magnetic ink character recognition toner; and

testing by using at least one of magnetic test equipment for inspection and an optical image test equipment for inspection and wherein both the magnetic test equipment and the optical image test equipment are located in the printing line, and wherein the testing step is controlled by a controller which initiates print stops.

62. The method according to claim 61 wherein the magnetic test equipment and the optical image test equipment are located in a same box as a printing station for at least one of the optical information and the magnetic information.

63. The method according to claim 61 wherein the magnetic test equipment and the optical image test equipment are located in a stand-alone box separate from a printing station for at least one of the optical information and the magnetic information.

64. The method according to claim 61 wherein at least one of the testings is performed during a print stop.

65. A printing line, comprising:

a printing device for printing at least one of optical and magnetic information onto a recording carrier, the information being provided as a data stream from an electronic data source, the carrier comprising at least one of an optical recording zone and a magnetic recording zone;

an optical image test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to inspect print quality or to recognize printed contents of a document;

a magnetic test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to detect magnetic information printed on the recording carrier;

a character recognition device connected to a document contents verification unit which is adapted to compare the information detected by the character recognition device with the information provided as a data stream from the electronic data source; and

the optical image test equipment and the magnetic test equipment being located in the stand-alone box separate from the printing device.

66. A printing line, comprising:

a printing device for printing at least one of optical and magnetic information onto a recording carrier, the information being provided as a data stream from an electronic data source, the carrier comprising at least one of an optical recording zone and a magnetic recording zone;

an optical image test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to inspect print quality or to recognize printed contents of a document;

a magnetic test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to detect magnetic information printed on the recording carrier;

67. A printing line, comprising:

a printing device for printing at least one of optical and magnetic information onto a recording carrier, the information being provided as a data stream from an electronic data source, the carrier comprising at least one of an optical recording zone and a magnetic recording zone;

an optical image test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to inspect print quality or to recognize printed contents of a document;

a magnetic test equipment for inspection located inline with the printing line and adapted to detect magnetic information printed on the recording carrier;

a controller which controls a carrier transport unit to transport the recording carrier upon receipt of a test signal to a predetermined position with respect to at least one of the test equipments before a testing is initiated; and

the optical image test equipment and the magnetic test equipment being located in a stand-alone box separate from the printing device.

68. The printing line according to claim 67 wherein the magnetic test equipment and the optical image test equipment are provided at both sides of the web-shape recording carrier.

69. A printing line, comprising:

a printing device for printing at least one of optical and magnetic information onto a recording carrier, the information being provided as a data stream from an electronic data source, the carrier comprising at least one of an optical recording zone and a magnetic recording zone;

an optical image test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to inspect print quality or to recognize printed contents of a document;

a magnetic test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to detector magnetic information printed on the recording carrier;

a controller which controls a carrier transport unit to transport the recording carrier upon receipt of a test signal to a predetermined position with respect to at least one of the test equipments before a testing is initiated; and

the optical image test equipment comprises a bar code scanner and a CCD camera and the magnetic test equipment comprises a magnetic image character reader.